# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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Immunisation
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the introduction of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV), an universal immunisation programme to be implemented in five States, and if so,
the details thereof ;

(b) the criteria followed to select the five States;

(c) the number of target beneficiaries planned to be covered under this programme, and the timeframe in which the programme is expected to be completed; and

(d) whether the Government intends to expand this programme to the rest of the country and if so, the details of the same?

## Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a): Yes, the Government has approved the introduction of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) in the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP). The Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine is planned for introduction in five states namely Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and identified districts of Uttar Pradesh and identified districts of Rajasthan in a phased manner starting from the year 2017 with support from Gavi as commodity assistance for PCV vaccine.

(b): The States were selected by the expert group based on the estimated burden of pneumonia and pneumococcal pneumonia in each state and the estimated deaths that can be prevented.

(c): Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine is targeting approximately 71 lakh children in these five states by the third year of its planned introduction.

(d): Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine is planned for expansion in the country in a phased manner as per the vaccine and resource availability.